

ELIAS H. PARSONS.

APRIL 26, 1904.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. PARKER, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following

ADVERSE REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 7409.]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 7409) to place Elias H. Parsons on the retired list of the United States Army, report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass but do lie upon the table.

This is a bill to appoint and retire as captain and quartermaster. Parsons had five years' service in the civil war, rising from private to captain and quartermaster; was appointed first lieutenant in the Regular Army in 1866 on the recommendation of General Grant, and on the reduction of the Army in 1870 was honorably discharged at his own request August 13, 1870. In the Spanish war he was captain and assistant quartermaster of volunteers from 1898 till honorably discharged June 30, 1901. His gallantry and service were conspicuous throughout.

He is, however, only one of several hundred officers who resigned in 1870, gallant men all, as we must suppose, who preferred not to remain and not to give that continuous service until death or disability that alone entitles an officer to a place on the retired list. We can not make discrimination or put him on that list after he has been out of the Army over a third of a century.

Statement of the military service of Elias H. Parsons, late first lieutenant, Twelfth U. S. Infantry.

It is shown by the records that Elias H. Parsons was appointed first lieutenant, Twelfth U. S. Infantry, July 28, 1866, and that he accepted the appointment January 25, 1867. He joined the regiment March 15, 1867, and served with it at Russell Barracks, Washington, D. C., to May, 1868, and at Charleston, S. C., to August 15, 1868; was on leave of absence to March 4, 1869; was transferred to unassigned list March 19, 1869; was awaiting orders to May, 1869; was on registration duty in Virginia to July 1869; was awaiting orders to May, 1870, and was on recruiting service at Fort

Leavenworth, Kans., until honorably discharged at his own request August 13, 1870.
Official statement furnished to Capt. E. H. Parsons, 1315 Clifton street, Washington, D. C.

By authority of the Secretary of War:

F. C. AINSWORTH,
Brigadier-General, U. S. Army, Chief Record and Pension Office.

RECORD AND PENSION OFFICE,
War Department, March 30, 1904.

RECORD AND PENSION OFFICE, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, April 1, 1904.

SIR: It appears from the official records that Elias H. Parsons was appointed first lieutenant in the Regular Army on the recommendation of General Grant.

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